



BOARD BULLETIN

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Rural Center – Summer Intern

The NC Rural Center, in partnership with the State Employee's Credit Union Foundation, is sponsoring a summer internship program for eligible college students in 2013.

Stanly County requested consideration for an intern via the program and recently learned a local resident was selected to participate. Based on this individual's career goals and interests, the intern will be working with the Stanly County Library for a total of 160 hours between June 2 and August 2.

The intern will receive a \$2,500 stipend (fully paid by the Rural Center) and the County will receive \$2,500 to help cover any office supplies, travel expenses, training materials, and matching payroll taxes associated with the intern's summer employment. There will be no additional cost to the County.

The summer internship program will be a great opportunity for this young student to learn more about county government and library services, and the County will benefit from the additional staff resources.

Commons Farmer's Market Now Open

The farmer's market at the Commons facility is now open on Mondays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The farmer's market project is an initiative resulting from a regional Community Transformation Grant (CTG) via the US Dept. of Health and Human Services. The grant has been used to pay for signage, marketing, and other supplies required to service the market. There is no local match or funding required.

This specific grant project is aimed at making fresh fruits and vegetables more accessible to at risk and low income residents. Placing the farmer's market at the Commons enables the County to specifically target DSS and Public Health clients.

An added benefit of placing the farmer's market at the Commons is that approximately 200 employees will have convenient, weekly access to fresh, locally grown produce. This will have an indirect economic development benefit and assist local farmers.

Operational Enhancement – Land Use Services

Currently, the County sends a zoning official out to every new construction project to ensure the project meets the land use setback requirements. At the same time, the County has a Building Inspector on-site to inspect the footings for the new project or addition.

This process is inefficient from a staff utilization perspective, and it creates delays for contractors who must coordinate with two (2) different County agencies for approvals.

Effective June 1, the Building Inspectors will review setbacks to ensure compliance while on-site evaluating the footings for the project.

The new process will generate direct operational savings by reducing fuel costs and vehicle depreciation. Further, there will be indirect benefits associated with increased staff productivity and improved customer service.

Veteran Services Scholarship Success

It is a pleasure to report the Stanly County Veterans Services Office assisted in obtaining college scholarships for four (4) individuals for the academic year beginning August 2013. The number of scholarships increased for the second consecutive year. Last year, three (3) scholarships were awarded to students in Stanly County, and in 2011 two (2) scholarships were awarded.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Memorial Day Holiday	Monday, May 27 County Offices Closed
Stanly COG Meeting	Tuesday, May 28 6:30 PM Los Jacubes, Oakboro
Regular Board Meeting	Monday, June 3 7:00 PM Commons Meeting Room